Schemes, to deserve laudatory terms. What were the special skill and expertness displayed by those persons in the few months when the Project Schemes have been worked? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" What I said was, 'They have now undergone a course of training at the All-India Centre where the persons selected and appointed by this Government obtained the commendation of experts there in the most laudatory terms, especially the non-officials.' "

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Is it not desirable to hold a competitive examination for the appointment of non-officials as in the case of recruitment to services? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The question will arise when we replaced these people."

Filariasis in Kasaragod town.

* 10 *Q.*—JANAB M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken to check filariasis in Kasaragod town?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Since November 1950 the Panchayat Board, Kasaragod, is working a scheme for the control of the disease. The Government are giving a one-third grant for the scheme."

Administration of the Guntur District Board.

* 11 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the remarks in 1949–50 report on local boards administration to the effect that " the administration of all district boards was fair except that of Guntur which was not up to the mark "; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government to bring the administration of Guntur District Board up to the mark?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) The remarks referred to were made by Government in the consolidated report issued by them on the working of local boards in the Madras State for 1949–50.

" (*b*) The remarks were intended for the district board to take note of and improve its administration. The administration of the district board for the next year, viz., 1950–51, has been characterised by Government as 'fair.' "

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know what were the main defects pointed out in the report regarding the administration of the district boards? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."